

REMARKS

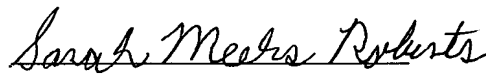
Claims 8 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution, the Applicants have cancelled claims 8 and 25.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-7, 9-15 and 21. Applicant assume that claim 20 is also allowed since it is a process claim dependent on claim 1. Applicants further wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 24, 27-29 if said claims are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims; and have rewritten said claims. Claim 22 has been amended to include the language of claim 24. Claim 24 has been cancelled.

Claims 21-23, 25, 26 and 34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ishizuka et al.. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. In order to expedite prosecution, however, Applicants have amended claim 22 and have cancelled claims 23, 25, 26 and 34. Applicants believe that process claim 21 has been allowed as noted on page 3 of the Office Action.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the claims as amended be allowed.

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